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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC DECLARATION: FRG REACTION TO  
REVISED FRENCH DRAFT

REF: U.S.NATO 5624 AND BONN 16751 (LIMDIS)

1. FONOFF REP TOLD EMBOFF NOV 30 THAT LATEST FRENCH  
DRAFT OF ATLANTIC DECLARATION (U.S.NATO 5775) MEETS  
MOST FRG REQUIREMENTS. BESIDES POINT ON CONSULTATION  
MADE TO US AND IN NAC BY FRG PERM REP KRAPF (REFTELS),  
FONOFF REP SAID REMAINING GERMAN CONCERN RELATED TO  
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PORTION OF PARA 4 OF DECLARATION SAYING THAT THERE IS

"AT PRESENT" NO ALTERNATIVE TO U.S. NUCLEAR GUARANTEE. LIKE OTHER NAC REPS, BONN OPPOSES SUGGESTING ANY TIME LIMIT TO U.S. NUCLEAR GUARANTEE OR TO FUTURE VIABILITY OF ALLIANCE. GIVEN SOME FRG SUSPICIONS THAT FRANCE IS SEEKING TO LAY THE GROUND FOR FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS SEPARATE FROM ALLIANCE, ALONG LINES OF 1962 FOUCHE PLAN (BONN 17324), FONOFF REP SAID PARA 4 COULD INVOLVE SERIOUS PROBLEM IF THE FRENCH REFUSE TO ACCEPT AN ALTERNATIVE FORMULATION SUCH AS "FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE" IN PLACE OF "AT PRESENT."

2. AS TO STRATEGIC ISSUE IN PARA 3 OF DECLARATION, WHICH ALSO OCCASIONED NAC INTERCHANGE, FONOFF REP SAID BONN BELIEVES FORMULATION JUXTAPOSING DIVERGENT SECURITY SITUATIONS OF SUPERPOWERS AND WEST EUROPEAN ALLIES CONSTITUTES CENTERPIECE OF DRAFT ELABORATED BY FRENCH. THE GERMANS BELIEVE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS UNDERLYING THESIS IS A PRECONDITION TO FRENCH AGREEMENT TO ATLANTIC DECLARATION, SOMETHING TO WHICH BONN ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE GIVEN RECENT EVOLUTION OF FRENCH VIEWS ON EUROPEAN DEFENSE COOPERATION. OUR SOURCE SAID FRG ALSO BELIEVES THIS FRENCH THESIS OF DIFFERING U.S./WEST EUROPEAN SECURITY ENVIRONMENTS IS A CORRECT ONE, ALTHOUGH BONN DOES NOT DRAW FRANCH CONCLUSION REGARDING DECOUPLING. FONOFF REP SAID FRG IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT FRENCH FORMULATION ON STRATEGIC ISSUE IN PARA 3 OF DECLARATION. HILLENBRAND

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